

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ETRD, EEW, EMIN, RO  
SUBJECT: IRON SLABS FOR LAMINATED PROEUCTS EXCHANGE

REF: BUCHAREST A-83, ENCLOSURE 4 (NOTAL)

1. IN SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH MINISTRY OF METALLURGY AND MFT OFFICIALS, COMATT ADVISED THAT FTO METALIMPORTEXPORT ON VERGE OF SIGNING CONTRACT WITH SHARON STEEL COMPANY WHICH WILL PROVIDE FOR LONG-TERM EXCHANGE OF IRON SLABS PRODUCED BY ROMANIAN STEEL MILLS FOR LAMINATED PRODUCTS FROM SHARON.

2. DURING WEEK OF AUGUST 1 SHARON OFFICIALS VISITED BUCHAREST AND GALATI TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS BEGUN IN US AND TO INSPECT IRON SLAB PRODUCTION FACILITIES AND PRODUCT QUALITY. DEAL IS APPARENTLY A STRAIGHT BARTER SWAP. AMOUNT OF PRODUCTS TO BE EXCHANGED APPARENTLY NOT YET DEFINED. CONTRACT, WHICH MUST NOW BE APPROVED BY SHARON'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MAY EXTEND TO 1981-82 WHEN NEW CALARASI STEEL MILL WILL COME ON STREAM AND ROMANIAN STEEL MILLS WILL THEN BE ABLE TO PROCESS CURRENT EXCESS OF IRON SLAB INTO LAMINATED PRODUCT. LONG TERM CONTRACT IS CONDITIONED ON RESULTS OF TESTS SHARON WILL RUN

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ON TRIAL TWENTY TON SHIPMENT (FROM GALATI) WHICH SHOULD BE READY FOR SHIPMENT TO SHARON IN LATE AUGUST.

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